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To: All HR, BC, NI, ST, NCS-WO and BIA Field Liaison Office Employees
From: Director, National Human Resources Management Center
Subject: Availability of Influenza Vaccine

Program Area: Federal Employees Health and Counseling Programs

Purpose: To announce the date influenza vaccine will be available from the
Federal Occupational Health Unit.

Once again there is a delay in receiving influenza vaccine at the Federal Occupational Health Unit. Though the influenza vaccine has been delayed this year, the Centers for Disease Control have announced the overall supply of the vaccine will **not** be affected. The bulk of the vaccine is expected in November and will continue into December, as necessary.

Only employees who are at High Risk may receive Flu shots beginning October 15, 2001, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will be dispensed from the Federal Occupational Health Unit, located in Building 40 on the Denver Federal Center. The following groups are at increased risk for serious illness with the flu and should receive the vaccine first:

- 65 years of age or older
- chronic heart disease
- asthma, emphysema or other chronic lung disease
- diabetes
- kidney disfunction
- immunosuppression (e.g. cancer, HIV, or medications such as steroids, etc)
- household contacts or healthcare workers of these

Walk in Flu shots for Bureau of Land Management employees, who are **not high risk**, will begin November 5, 2001 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and noon and 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m..

It is recommended you wear loose-fitting sleeves and please bring your agency employee identification card with you.

Vaccine will not be given if you are allergic to eggs or Thimerosal, or if you have had a previous reaction to the vaccine. You cannot receive the vaccine if you have a fever, an acute infection or if you are on antibiotics. You also cannot take the vaccine if you are pregnant or if you have an allergy shot the same day. Please check with your doctor if you have any health issues, for example, neurological conditions, previously paralyzed with Guillian-Barre Syndrome, or if you are breast feeding.

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